a plastic traction member which is secured to the insert during a molding process, and encasing the insert with the exception of the engagement means, thereby holding the traction member captive on the insert; wherein the insert is made from a synthetic plastic material having a greater hardness than the traction member.

10. (Amended) An insert for a cleat for an article of footwear consisting entirely of plastic, the insert being of one integral piece comprising:

a stem portion;

an engagement means at a first end of the stem portion for releasable engagement with a complementary engagement formation defined on an undersole of the article of footwear;

a securing formation having a flange extending orthogonally from the stem portion for encasement by a traction member and a raised spike extending from a second end of the stem portion.

Insert new claims 13 -15 as follows: --

A cleat according to claim 1, wherein the traction member includes a pair of passages arranged immediately adjacent to the insert, for receiving corresponding portions of a tool for fastening the cleat to the article of footwear.

14. A cleat according to claim 12, wherein the traction member includes a pair of passages arranged immediately adjacent to the insert, for receiving corresponding portions of a tool for fastening the cleat to the article of footwear.

A cleat for an article of footwear consisting entirely of plastic, the cleat consisting of two components an insert and a traction member:

the insert having a stem portion with an engagement means at a first end of the stem portion for releasable engagement with a complementary engagement formation defined on an undersole of the article of footwear; and

the traction member being made from plastic and encasing the insert therein during a molding process such that only the stem protrudes from the traction member; and

wherein the insert is made from a synthetic plastic material having a greater hardness than the traction member.